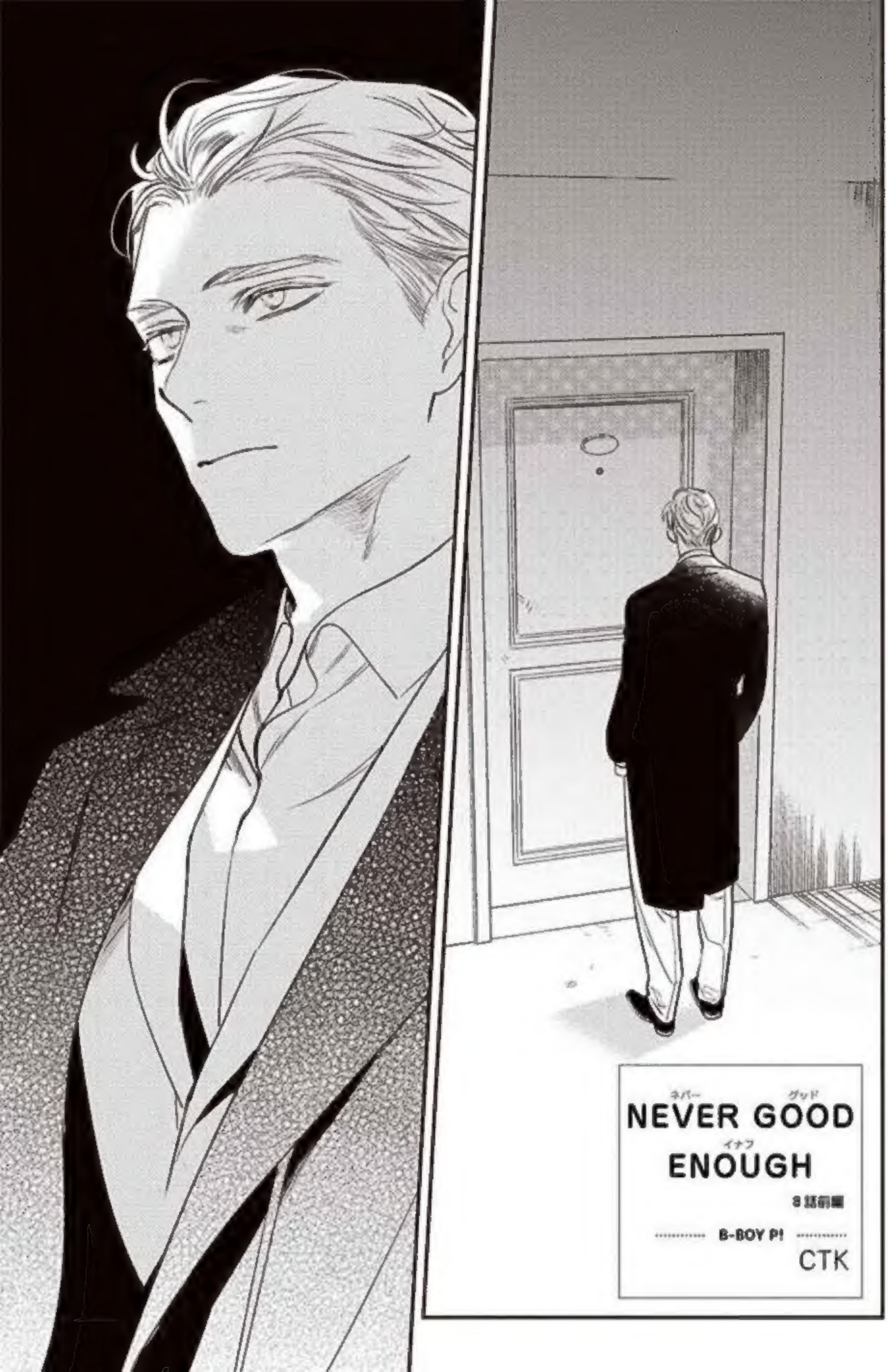
DIDN'T YOU...
...CHOOSE ME OVER HIM JUST NOW?
HUH?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WAIT A LITTLE!

AH
THEO!
CALM DOWN!

THE-

THEO!

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Ha

Push away

S-

SORRY...

IT MADE ME SO HAPPY THAT I GOT CARRIED AWAY.

HAPPY ...?

I DIDN'T MEAN...
...TO DO THAT...

WHAT NICK SAID,
I'M DONE,
WITH HOLDING BACK.

ABOUT ME...
MEANING NOTHING TO YOU...

IT'S NOT TRUE, IS IT?

If I wanted...

It's already gone too far...

Even though,

And tell him 'Actually, I have no feelings for you'.

He'd get hurt.

But time would soon heal that.

I could behave like a proper adult, a normal teacher,

...I could end this weird thing between us here.

I know I should do that.

I should end it.

Just tell him.

Tell him...

There's no need to become even worse of a guy.

I FEEL LIKE NOW I UNDERSTAND WHY NICK WANTED YOU.
...OF COURSE NOT.
But I just...
Can't lie anymore.
I KNOW I'VE DONE A LOT OF WRONG TO YOU...
BUT IF YOU'D FORGIVE ME...
FROM NOW ON...

MAY I FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU?

DO YOU KNOW...

HOW ME AND NICK SEPARATED?

IF WHAT YOU JUST SAID WASN'T A LIE,

THEN THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO DO.

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THEN NO, I DON'T.

IF WHAT YOU SAID BEFORE WASN'T TRUE,

LAST SUMMER,

WE WENT ON HOLIDAYS TOGETHER.

YET ALL OF A SUDDEN, HE CALLED ME WITH 'LET'S GO TO A RESORT, I MADE ALL THE ARRANGE-MENTS.

I ALREADY TOOK TIME OFF FROM WORK.'

IT WAS A BUSY TIME FOR US BEFORE, SO WE DIDN'T HAVE MUCH TIME TO MEET.

TO BE HONEST, I WAS REALLY EXCITED.
IT MADE ME HAPPY.
I THOUGHT IT'D BE A FUN HOLIDAY.
WE'VE DATED FOR A LONG TIME, SO I FELT LIKE WE NEEDED THIS CHANGE OF PACE.
I WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.

LET'S

...BREAK UP.

HE DUMPED ME WITH THREE WORDS.

...IT WAS OVER. DONE, THE END.

JUST LIKE THAT...

AND,

I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF BROTHER HE IS,

OR HOW AMAZING HE WAS TO YOU, BUT...

YOU KNOW THE REASON.

HE WAS GETTING MARRIED.

BUT WHY WOULD HE INVITE ME ON THAT TRIP IF NOT TO MESS ME UP?

7 YEARS...

THAT'S HOW LONG WE WERE TOGETHER...

...WITH THAT ASSHOLE!

EVEN THOUGH,

HE'S LIKE THAT...

...THEO.

I'LL BE HONEST WITH YOU.

JUST BECAUSE YOU HAVE THE SAME LAST NAME, THE SAME POSTURE,

YOU REMIND ME OF HIM.

EVEN IF HE LEFT ME COLD LIKE THAT, I STILL END UP THINKING ABOUT HIM.

IT'S DUMB, ISN'T IT?

OF COURSE, I'M INTERESTED IN *YOU*.

BUT THAT DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN OUR FEELINGS ARE MUTUAL.

I DO LIKE YOU.

I WON'T FALL FOR YOU.

EVEN IF YOU FALL IN LOVE WITH ME,

I CAN'T.

YOU ONCE SAID I CAN DO WHATEVER I WANT,

...STILL STAND?
DOES IT...
IF SO, THEN THAT'S ENOUGH.

squeeze
...

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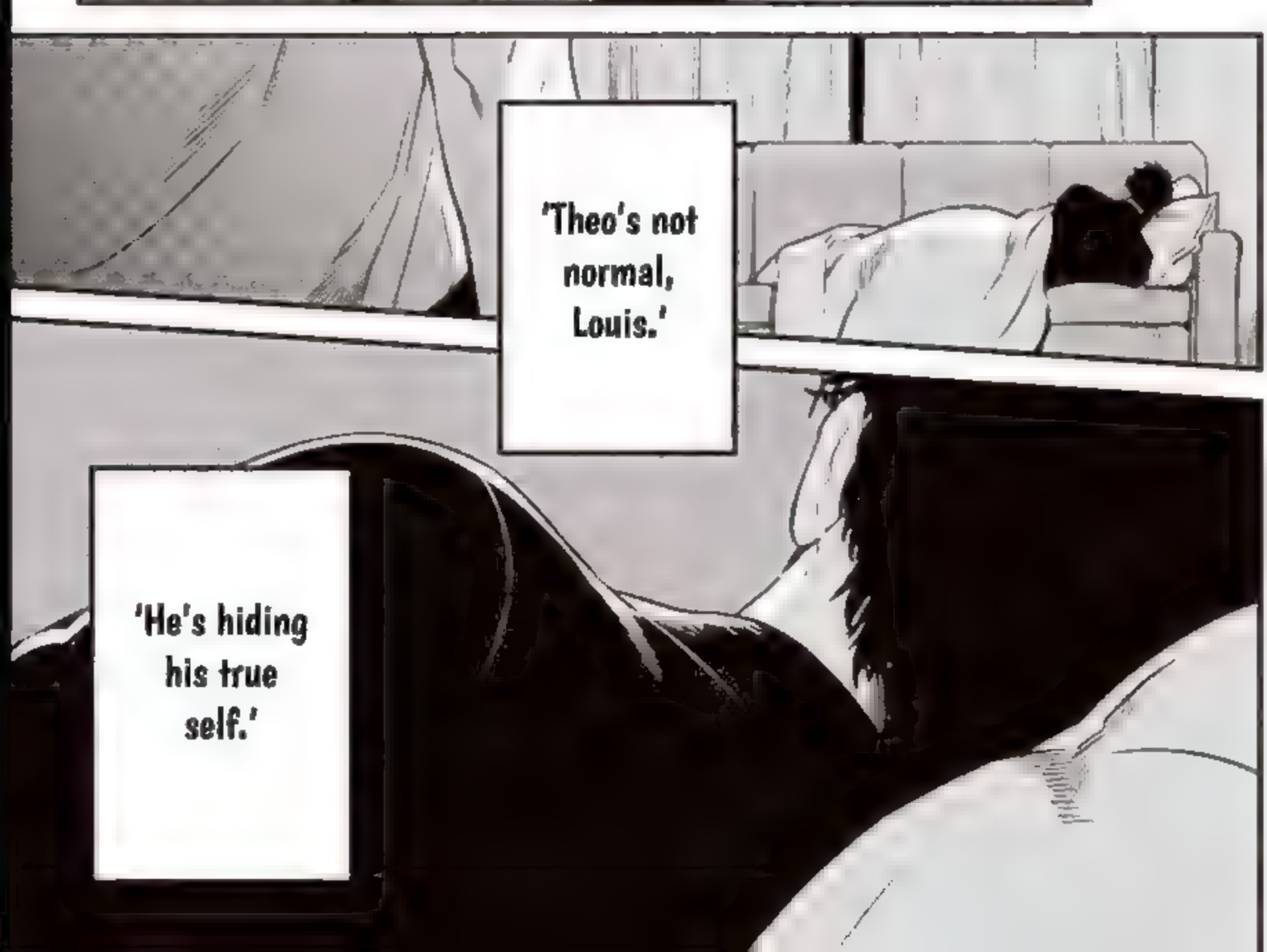
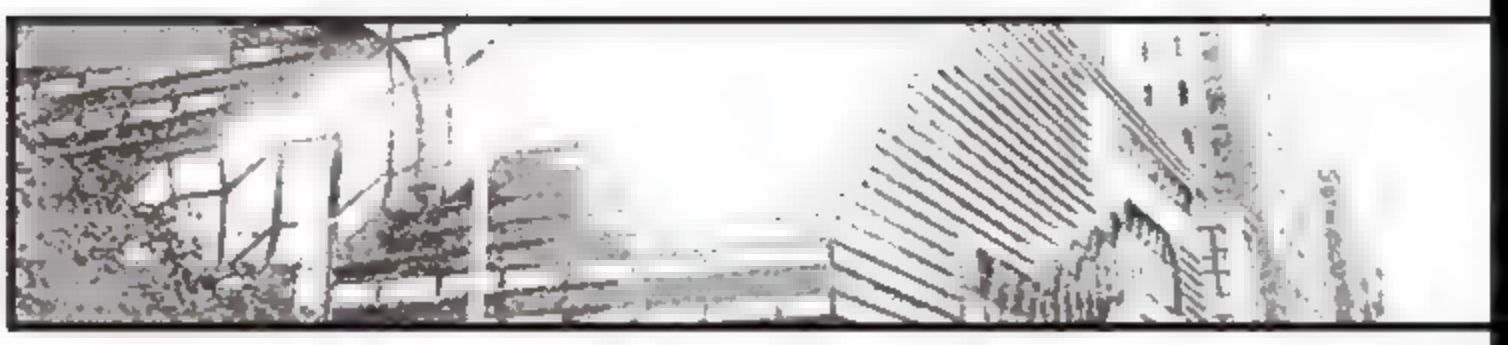

'Theo's not normal, Louis.'
'He's hiding his true self.'

Thump



GOOD MORNING, LOUIS.

YOU HAVEN'T MET NICK IN A WHILE, RIGHT?

YOU WERE IN THE SAME GRADE.

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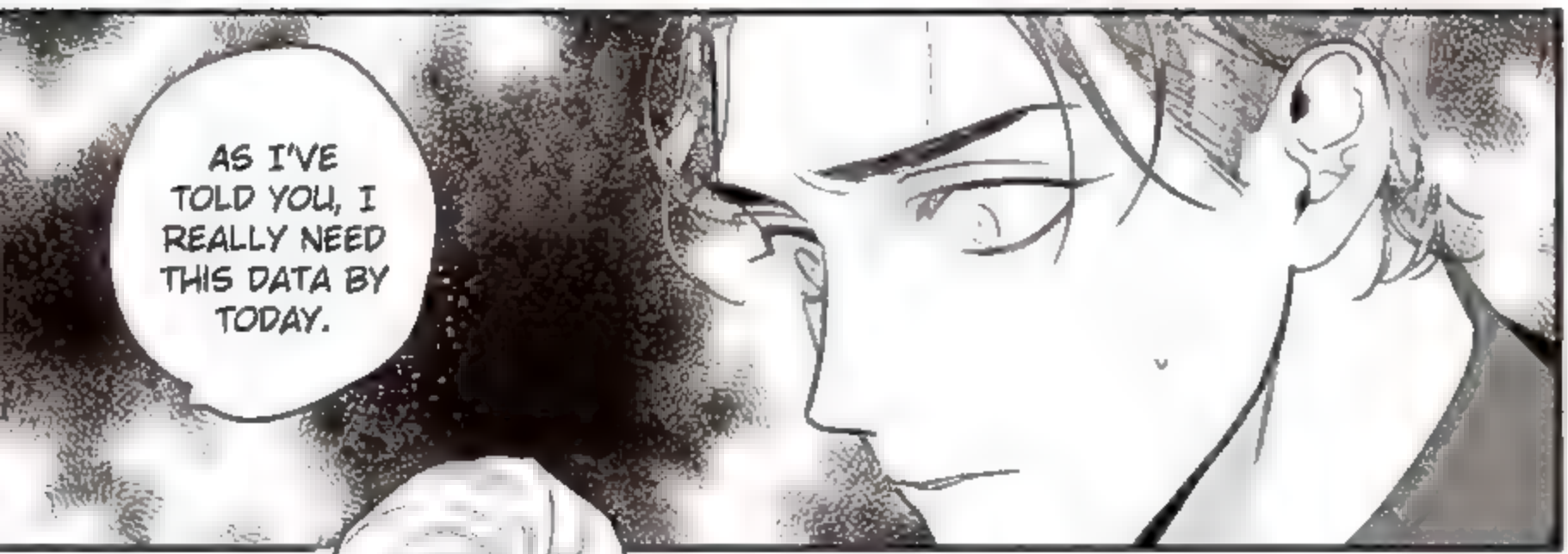
He came to tell me about his recent marriage, did you hear?

SEARCH YOUR BAG WELL.
I HOPE YOU DIDN'T LOSE IT?

HUH?
UM?
SHAKE
SHAKE


AS I'VE TOLD YOU, I REALLY NEED THIS DATA BY TODAY.

WOULD YOU LIKE SOME HELP WITH THAT,
LOUIS?
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HUH?

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OF COURSE, NO NEED TO WORRY!

PLEASE HAND IT TO ME BEFORE EVENING.

What about back-up?

I put the USB in the same bag.

WAIT, WHY WOULD YOU... I'LL BE FINE.

SILENCE...

Was it stolen already?

TOMORROW MORNING? CAN'T YOU CHECK NOW, I REALLY NEED IT TODAY!

beep

I CAN'T REMEMBER THE EXACT TIME.

EXCUSE ME, IT SEEMS I LOST AN ITEM ON THE BUS THIS MORNING, IT WAS LINE NUMBER XX...

NO, I DIDN'T FILE LOST ITEM REPOST YET...

NO NEED.

I DIDN'T TAKE IT TO ANY OTHER ROOM.

SHOULD I SEARCH ELSEWHERE?

NO, IT'S NOT HERE.

Sigh

IT WAS LATE.

I JUST LENT HIM THE COUCH.

Well.

HE'S NOT A CHILD ANYMORE.

SINCE IT DIDN'T SEEM LIKE YOU WANTED TO SEND HIM OFF.

RIGHT, THE KEY IS NEAR THE SHOE RACK, CLOSE THE DOOR WHEN YOU LEAVE.

YEAH, I TOOK THE BUS.

YOU CHASED ME OUT, BUT THEO IS STILL AT YOUR PLACE?

YOU CAN RETURN THE KEY TO ME AT SCHOOL.

FOR NOW, LET ME HELP.

YOU ALREADY DID THAT WORK ONCE.

WITH THE TWO OF US, WE'LL GET IT DONE IN NO TIME.

I DON'T HAVE ANY PLANS ANYWAY.

DOESN'T THIS REMIND YOU OF OUR UNIVERSITY DAYS?

HOW HEARTLESS-

HUH!

ISN'T IT NICK!

WE SURE PULLED MANY ALL-NIGHTERS TO WRITE THE ESSAYS, HUH?

CAN'T REMEMBER.

YEAH, OF COURSE. HOW ARE YOU DOING THESE DAYS?

DO YOU REMEMBER ME? I'M KYLE, WE HAD CULTURE STUDIES TOGETHER!

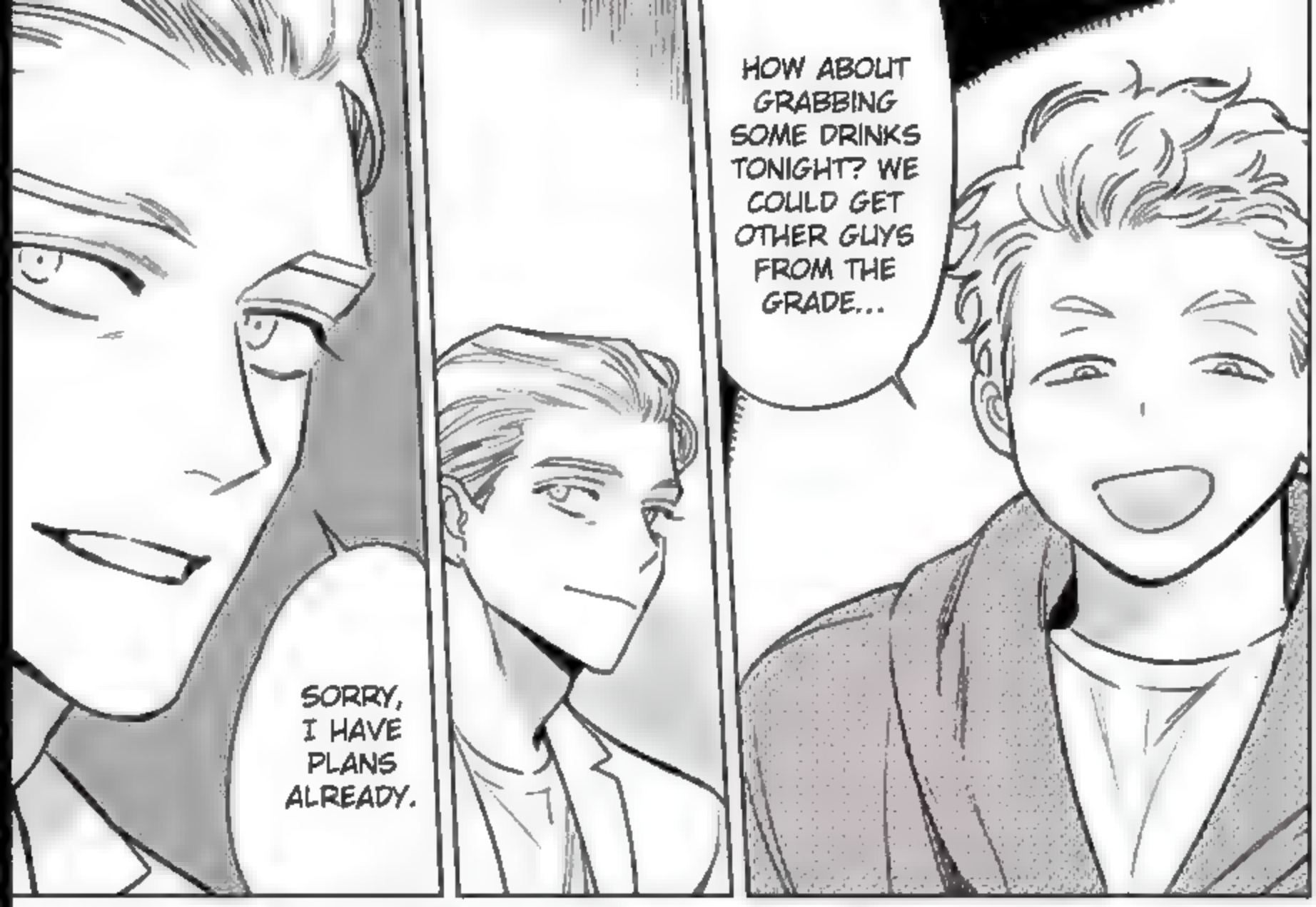
Morning- to you too, Louis!

'BEEN A WHILE!

YOU LOOK FANCY AS ALWAYS!

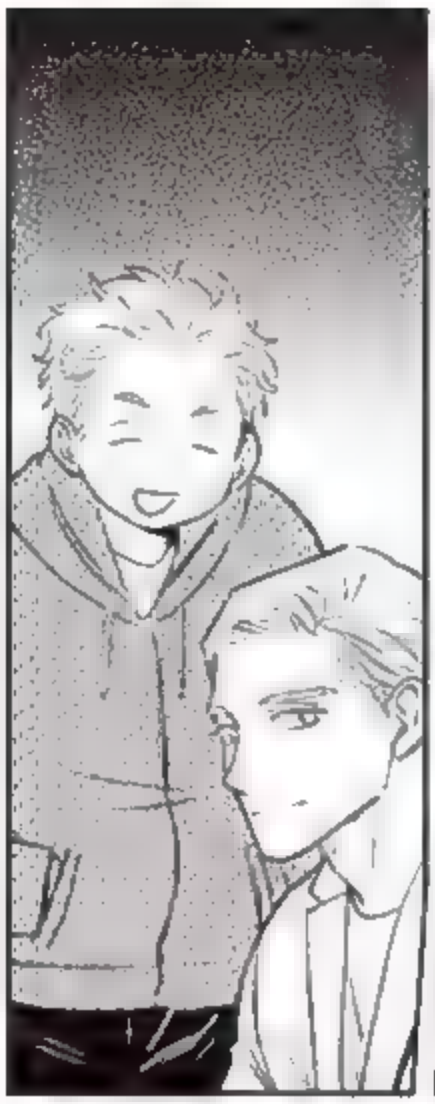
WHY ARE YOU HERE TODAY? I'M WORKING HERE AS STAFF.

I CAME TO MEET WITH PROFESSOR-


SORRY, I HAVE PLANS ALREADY.
HOW ABOUT GRABBING SOME DRINKS TONIGHT? WE COULD GET OTHER GUYS FROM THE GRADE...

THEY NEVER WANT TO COME WHEN IT'S ONLY ME CALLING, LOL
I BET MORE PEOPLE COME IF I TELL THEM YOU'RE HERE~
WELL...
DON'T BE LIKE THAT~ IT'S BEEN AGES!
JUST ONE DRINK, HM?

YEAH, WHY NOT...



WE JUST HAVE TO FINISH THIS BEFORE EVENING, SO HOW ABOUT YOU HELP TOO, KYLE?

SURE.
That was close...
JUST GIVE ME A CALL WHEN YOU'RE FREE, KAY?
OH SHIT, I HAVE WORK TO DO!

YOU WERE LIKE THAT IN THE PAST TOO.

"I mean something to you, right?"

...

THE HELL...

I CAN ALWAYS GET SOME PEACE WITH YOU.

I FEEL LIKE I GET WHY HE'D ASK THAT...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S UP WITH THIS TALK ABOUT OUR PAST...

BUT LET ME ASK YOU THIS ONCE.

IN ALL THIS TIME WE'VE BEEN TOGETHER, DID YOU THINK IT WAS GOOD, EVEN FOR A LITTLE WHILE?

DID IT MEAN ANYTHING TO YOU?

DOES IT CHANGE ANYTHING,

WHATEVER ANSWER I GIVE?

NO,

IT DOESN'T.

BUT THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM HERE.

WHAT YOU DID WAS PLAIN RUDE!

IT WAS DISRESPECTFUL TOWARDS ME!

EVEN NOW, LOOK HOW YOU DECLINED KYLE, WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT DIPLOMACY WITH ME?

IS IT WEIRD OF ME TO WONDER ABOUT IT?

AM I REALLY ASKING TOO MUCH OF YOU?

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RESPECT, HUH...

It's better if you forget about him.

Don't mind Theo.

Nick,

But father...

You see,

Your brother's good for nothing.

Just be good as always.

You don't want to be scolded, right?

You won't disappoint me like that.

You mustn't make mistakes in life.
You were my only mistake. I'm not going to tell you that. Isn't that my respect to you?
Louis,
From his point of view,
THOUGH I'M NOT SURE,
HOW IMPORTANT IT MAY BE TO YOU...

YOU KEEP ATTACKING ME,

I DID MY BEST NOT TO START ANY DIFFICULT TOPICS.

BUT IF I HAD A CHOICE,

I WOULDN'T BE MEETING WITH MY EX EITHER.

I GUESS,

BUT COMPARED TO YOU TWO, I'D SAY I'M QUITE NORMAL.

IT'S YOU WHO GOT DUMPED BY THE OLDER BROTHER, SO YOU WENT FOR THE YOUNGER.

Not to mention he's your student.

WELL, I GET IT'S NOT RATIONAL, AND THEO'S ALSO AT FAULT HERE,

BUT IT SEEMS YOU JUST CAN'T GET OVER IT.

THAT'S THE REASON WHY YOU CLING TO EACH OTHER THOUGH?

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PROFESSOR!
CLANG
!
THE-

BROTHER?

TWITCH
THEO?

Grab

WHY...

WHY WOULD YOU...

NOW YOU'RE GOING TO THREATEN ME WITH A FIST?

WHAT IS IT, THEO?

UM,

I FOUND THE THING YOU WERE LOOKING FOR.

WHY DID YOU COME?

THEO, CALM DOWN.

WHAT HAPPENED ?

WHEN I SAID I'D COME TO SEARCH FOR IT IN PERSON, THEY LET ME TAKE A LOOK AROUND.

BUT THEY SAID THEY'D KNOW TOMORROW MORNING...

WAS IT AT HOME AFTER ALL?

NO, I FOUND IT AT THE BUS CENTER.

I DID SOME-THING UNNECE-SSARY.

BUT IT SEEMS I'M TOO LATE.

THANK YOU, THEO.
NO, YOU'RE NOT LATE AT ALL.
FOR ME...
GOOD FOR YOU IT GOT FOUND, LOUIS.
HUH,
SO IT WAS ME WHO WASTED MY TIME?

...Theo's not paying any mind to me?

...

IT'S FINE.

...AND ALSO,

SORRY,

I SAID TOO MUCH.

Before, I'd think it impossible for him.

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